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1. ON APRIL 6, AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO CONVEYED ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FOR DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. CABRAL DE MELLO SSID GOB APPRECIATED COUNSELOR'S ORAL PRESENTATION OF APRIL 5, AND THAT HE WISHED TO CONVEYED HIS GOVERNMENT'S COMMENTS AND REACTIONS. FOLLOWS TEXT OF CABRAL DE MELLO'S PRESENTATION GIVEN AT DICTATION SPEED:

2. QUOTE.

A. ON THE PART OF MY GOVERNMENT I WISH TO THANK THE USG FOR HAVING HAD THE KINDNESS OF INFORMING US YESTERDAY OF THE MAIN PART OF THE STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE NEW US NUCLEAR POLICY.

B. YOU SAID THAT THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE AOMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM US ON THIS NEW POLICY, AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK TO SOLVE THE ISSUES RAISED BY THIS NEW POLICY. THE GOB IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE USG'S POSITION CONCERNING ITS DOMESTIC

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ENERGY POLICY AS WELL AS OTHER ENERGY PROGRAMS ARE MATTERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. THE COMMENTS WHICH THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT CAN PRESENT, BASED UPON THE GENERAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE EMBASSY AND GIVEN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE, ARE ALL CONCERNED WITH THE INTERNATION IMPLICATIONS OF THE MEASURES THAT WASHINGTON MAY ADOPT, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION OF YESTERDAY.

C. BASICALLY, THESE IMPLICATIONS REFERRED TO TWO ASPECTS:

AA. THE US DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH A LIMITED NUMBER OF INTERESTED NATIONS REGARDING THE BEST WAY TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO LIMIT ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND MINIMIZE THE RISKS OF PROLIFERATION.

BB. THE US COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN THE NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME BY MEANS OF A STRENGTHENING OF THE NPT, SAFEGUARDS AND THE IAEA.

D. AS FOR THE FIRST ITEM, BRAZIL ALSO HAS ITS DOMESTIC PROGRAM AIMED AT DEVELOPING SOURCES OF ENERGY, INCLUDING NUCLEAR ENERGY. BRAZIL'S

POSITION REGARDING NUCLEAR ENERGY WAS EXPLAINED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND IS STATED IN THE "BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM" WHITE BOOK WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO THE US GOVERNMENT. THIS POSITION AS EXPLAINED IS BASED ON AN ENTIRELY PEACEFUL CONCEPT OF THE ATOM AS WELL AS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNDER THE IAEA SAFEGUARD SYSTEM.

E. AS FOR THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF ENERGY SUPPLY BRAZIL DID NOT SHUN A DISCUSSION OF THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM AND HAS GIVEN ITS BEST CONTRIBUTION TO THAT EFFECT, ESPECIALLY TOWARDS THE EFFORT THAT FOLLOWED THE CRISIS TRIGGERED IN 1974 BY THE INTERNATIONAL OIL TRADE.

F. AS FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OUR POSITION IS UNEQUIVOCAL. WE ARE AGAINST ANY FORM OF PROLIFERATION NUCLEAR WEAPONS EITHER VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL. WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL EFFORT AIMED AT REDUCING, AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATING, NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND OF PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

G. AS FOR AS THE NPT IS CONCERNED, BRAZIL'S POSITION IS IN
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FAVOR OF THE OBJECTIVE OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHAT WE CONDEMN IN THE NPT IS ITS INEFFECTIVENESS AND ITS PARTIALITY. BRAZIL IS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY MULTILATERAL EFFORT AIMED AT CORRECTING ITS DEFICIENCIES IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE ATTAINMENT OF UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL NORMS OF A NON-DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER.

H. AS FOR THE IAEA AND THE SAFEGUARD SYSTEM, BRAZIL IS NOT ONLY IN FAVOR OF ITS DEVELOPMENT BUT IS ALSO THE COUNTRY WHICH AT PRESENT HAS ACCEPTED AN AGGREGATE OF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES AND CONTROLS THAT EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NPT. BRAZIL IS ALSO READY TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENTS. TEXT OF ORAL PRESENTATION CONFORMS SET FORTH IN GOB'S WHITE BOOK. FORMULATION ON ACCESSION TO NPT REPRESENTS STANDARD FORMULATION USED BY GOB.
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